

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Tatsuo ITOH et al. : **Mail Stop: PCT**

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CONFOCAL OPTICAL SYSTEM APERTURE
POSITION DETECTOR, CONFOCAL OPTICAL
SYSTEM APERTURE POSITION CONTROLLER,
OPTICAL HEAD, OPTICAL INFORMATION
PROCESSOR, AND CONFOCAL OPTICAL
SYSTEM APERTURE POSITION DETECTING METHOD
[Corresponding to PCT/JP2005/007541
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the above-identified application, kindly amend the application as follows:

ATTACHMENT "E"